



Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2011

9:30 AM

GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE TOWER

1st Floor Conference Room

1700 W. Washington Street,

Phoenix, AZ 85007

A meeting of the Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission convened on September 15, 2011 in the 1st floor conference room of the Governor's Executive Tower located at 1700 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007. Present and absent were the following members:

Members Present		
Cecil Patterson, Jr.	Chad Campbell	Myrtle Young
Cindi Nannetti	June Willson	Vada Jo Phelps
Robert Duber	Rob Lubitz	Chris Schopen
Tom Pickrell	Judy Tom	Helen Gandara
Charles Flanagan	James Molina	Alice Bustillo
Dennis Pickering	Dan Goldfine	

Staff/Guests Present	Members Absent	
Christy Alonzo	Sammy Robinson	Jessica Hermann
Steve Selover	Xavier Cameron	Tim Dunst
John Raeder	Nina White	Merissa Amiri
Tammy Paz-Combs	Shaun Rieve	Bob Brutinel
Sonya Pierce-Johnson	Robert Thomas	Derrick Johnson
Jennifer Winkler	Carol Hirschberg-James	Guy Penns
Melanie Taylor		
Beth Rosenberg		
Cassandra Larsen		

A. Call to Order

Chairman Cecil Patterson called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. with seventeen (17) members, five (5) staff and three (3) guests present.

B. Welcome/Introductions

Chairman Patterson requested introductions by all in the room be made.

C. Approval of Minutes

June Willson moved to approve the minutes from the May 19, 2011 meeting as drafted by staff. Vada Phelps seconded the motion. Motion carried.

D. “Reforming the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections”

Charles Flanagan, Director of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections provided a presentation to members and guests on the closure of Catalina Mountain School in southeast Arizona. Director Flanagan’s presentation included rational supporting the closure, as well as plans for transitioning youth to the remaining two facilities in north Phoenix, and plans to ensure visitation for families with youth remaining in the facilities is not affected by this closure, and in some cases even enhanced.

E. Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative

Chad Campbell, Director of Juvenile Justice Services Division of the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) announced that the Courts have adopted the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and will begin implementing the design in four initial sites; Maricopa, Pinal, Cochise and Gila Counties.

Mr. Campbell stated the initiative which is coordinated through the Annie E. Casey Foundation has been a part of Pima County for the past seven years with outstanding results. He noted that the Casey Foundation will provide technical assistance for implementation which will begin in December when a team travels to New Jersey.

Mr. Campbell shared one of the key principals of the Initiative mirrors that which was stated in Director Flanagan’s presentation, ensuring that the right kids are in detention, while ensuring public safety.

F. Systems Improvement Committee

John Raeder, Program Administrator for the Children’s Justice Act Grant provided highlights from the Committee meeting, noting that great discussion took place while reviewing the draft survey for the Children’s Justice Act Assessment with Pima Prevention Partnership who is conducting the assessment. He reported that the suggestions provided during the committee meeting will be implemented into the final survey. The survey will be sent to committee members to “test” prior to distributing to stakeholders.

G. Children’s Justice Act Report

John Raeder, Program Administrator for the Children’s Justice Act Grant, notified Commission Members that the 2011 award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children’s Bureau, was received September 13, 2011 in the amount of \$375,000. This award is for a two year period.

1. Training Team/Advanced Forensic Interview Training:

Mr. Raeder informed the Commission that he is in the process of completing new training contracts with Prevention Child Abuse Arizona. One contract in the amount of \$25,000 will continue to support the Statewide Training Team which provides training in local communities at no cost. The other contract for \$30,000 will support the 40-hour Advance

Forensic Interviewing Training. Both contracts will begin October 1, 2011 and run through September 30, 2012.

2. Subgrantee Contracts:

Additionally, Mr. Raeder will begin the renewal process for year 2 of funding for current subgrantees. Eight (8) subgrantees will be given the opportunity to continue their funding beginning January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

H. Juvenile Justice Specialist Report

1. Compliance Determination:

Christy Alonzo, Juvenile Justice Specialist, informed Commission Members that on August 26, 2011 the Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families received a letter from the Assistant Attorney General of the Office of Justice Programs indicating that Arizona's appeal to vacate the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's determination of non-compliance for the deinstitutionalization of status offenders core requirement was granted and that Arizona would receive the states full allocation for 2011.

2. 2011 Title II Amount:

Ms. Alonzo notified Commission members that Arizona's 2011 Title II, Formula Grant award was received on September 8, 2011. The award amount was higher than the original allocation of \$771,000. Ms. Alonzo reminded members that due to funding cuts at the federal level, Arizona was expected to take a 39% funding decrease from the previous year, based on calculations at the federal level, along with regulations outline in the JJDP Act. However, in late August, she was informed by OJJDP that additional dollars were available and after additional calculations, Arizona's actual 2011 allocation was 867,249, \$95,935 more than originally projected.

3. Disproportionate Minority Contact Statewide Assessment:

As a requirement of States 2012 three-year plan, each state must submit a statewide Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Assessment. Ms. Alonzo was granted a year extension to submit the assessment which will be submitted with the Commission's 2013 update.

Conversations with the Administrative Office of the Courts were held to ensure the assessment falls in line with the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative. Ms. Alonzo reported that a draft Request for Proposal has been submitted to Executive Staff for review.

The assessment is estimated to begin January 2012 and conclude with a final report prepared by the contractor on January 31, 2013.

4. Arizona Juvenile Justice Commission Survey Results:

Ms. Alonzo reported that only fifteen members of the commission responded to the survey created specifically to assist in facilitating effective and efficient meetings of the commission.

Of those that responded to the survey, 42.5% would like meetings to remain every other month. 33.3% were most interested in improving the investigation and prosecution process of serious child abuse cases, while 26.7% were most interested in both compliance with the first 3 requirements of the JJDP Act, and Improving the juvenile justice system and developing plans to implement reform.

It was suggested that the survey be re-opened to allow those that did not respond to do so. Chairman Patterson will send an email to members requesting their participation in the survey.

5. 2010 Subgrantee Core Protections Evaluation:

Ms. Alonzo referred members to a handout in the meeting packets that highlighted subgrantees' outcomes as they relate to the four core requirements of the JJDP Act. She noted that while outcomes may not directly be impacted by funded programs, the handout shows positive change in all areas.

I. Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

1. State Retained Programs:

Sonya Pierce-Johnson, Program Administrator for the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, notified members that State Retained funds were awarded to the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the Department of Juvenile Corrections in August.

As suggested by members at a previous meeting, the two State agencies were notified of the total amount available and asked to submit a proposal(s) that fell in line with the purpose areas outlined. This approach was different than previous years, when the available amount was split between the two agencies.

The Department of Juvenile Corrections was awarded \$74,066 to enhance their risk and needs assessment, update and enhance their MIS programming and to hire a consultant/trainer to train staff to facilitate critical sex offender interventions.

The Administrative Office of the Courts was awarded \$122,000 to manage the enhancement of the Arizona Youth Assessment System, the newly created customized assessment modeled after the Ohio Youth Assessment. Funding will also provide training and certification in instrument utilization.

2. 2011 Allocations:

Ms. Pierce-Johnson mentioned she is currently working on pass thru allocations. Allocations should be finalized with applications sent to those receiving an award by the end of September. New contracts will begin January 1, 2012 and run through the calendar year.

Ms. Pierce-Johnson also informed Commission Members that current subgrantee contracts scheduled to expire September 30, 2011 have been extended through the end of the year (December 31, 2011). She explained the change from two year to one year

contracts caused some delays in spending awards. The three month extension will allow subgrantees time to expend their full award.

J. Compliance Monitor Report

1. January – June 2011 Data:

Steve Selover, Compliance Monitor, referred to two handouts provided to members that included data for the first 6 months of 2011. Projecting for the remaining six months, he noted a decrease in deinstitutionalization of status offender (DSO) violations. He also noted a slight increase in jail removal violations however, he does not anticipate the rate to rise above the threshold for compliance.

2. Calendar Update:

Mr. Selover passed around a prototype of the Compliance Calendar that has been created. He noted that Scottsdale Police Department, the Governor's Youth Commission and the Department of Corrections were instrumental in the creation of the calendar.

Mr. Selover expects to have the final products delivered the first week of October and will begin distributing them to Law Enforcement Agencies as he completes site visits.

K. Announcements

Christy Alonzo announced that Chairman Cecil Patterson will receive the Thurgood Marshall Award of Merit on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency in Phoenix. The award is bestowed upon Arizonans whose actions have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to making the Phoenix community, Arizona, and the world, better places to live and work. Past Award of Merit honorees include Phoenix City Councilman Calvin Goode, Former Arizona Supreme Court Justice Ruth McGregor, and First Institutional Baptist Church Pastor Dr. Warren Stewart, Sr.

L. Call to the Public

Public members did not respond to the call.

M. Adjourn

Chairman Patterson adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.